GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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LIMITS ON USE OF PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sub-Committee on Pesticide Residue of the Central Committee on Food Standards (CCFS) has recommended for fixing limits for the use of pesticides;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT.PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Yes Sir. The Sub-Committee on Pesticides Residue constituted by the Central Committee For Food Standards (CCFS) recommends the Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for different pesticides in various food articles. This is a continuous procedure and is a measure of safety.

(b) & (c) The recommended Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) are incorporated in rule 65 of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955.